SERVICES TO BUSINESS

A GUIDE TO FEDERAL, PROVINCIAL AND OTHER SERVICES TO BUSINESS

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FOREWORD

The following is a directory of services provided to business by the Alberta and Federal Governments as of July, 1977. It is hoped this directory will be of assistance to people who are involved in manufacturing and commercial enterprises. Some services for farming enterprises are included as they may have spin-off benefits for agribusiness firms. Government branches and programs which offer direct services and information to business are included. Regulatory, licensing, and control functions are not included. A brief description accompanies each service or program. The mailing address is provided to assist the interested person in contacting the appropriate government branch.

If further assistance is required regarding this guide, please contact:

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Alberta Business Development and Tourism
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Edmonton, Alberta T5J 0H4
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

CREDIT UNIONS

Nature

Credit Unions are organized for the purpose of saving and borrowing money. The Branch supervises, examines, and audits Credit Unions. The Edmonton office provides service for Credit Unions north of Red Deer, and the Calgary office serves Red Deer and south.

Eligibility

Each person dealing with a Credit Union must be a shareholder member.

Address

Co-operative Activities And Credit Union Branch
Farm Development Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

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Service/Program

TREASURY BRANCHES

Nature

Provides loan services for a multitude of purposes to a broad cross-section of the population individually or in business enterprises.

Eligibility

Individuals and business enterprises.

Address

Head Office
Treasury Branches
9912 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2N6

95 Branches throughout the Province of Alberta.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

FEDERAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BANK

Nature

Extends Financial Assistance to new or existing businesses of almost every type in Canada which do not have other sources of financing available to them on reasonable terms and conditions. *Management Services* provided to help improve management skills; seminars conducted in smaller centres to meet the needs of the owners and managers of small businesses; sponsors and supports conferences to promote good management practices; develops management training courses for distribution to provincial education authorities. *Information Services* publishes and distributes booklets on a wide range of topics pertaining to small business; distributes bulletins on business developments and maintains reference libraries at branch offices with a variety of publications on small business management. *Counselling Assistance To Small Enterprises* (CASE) assists small businesses to improve their methods of business.

Eligibility

Financing available to most Canadian companies with emphasis on the needs of the small business by means of loans, loan guarantees, equity financing or leasing, or by any combination of these methods. Financing ranges in size from a few thousand dollars upward. Business may obtain FBDB assistance on more than one occasion if they meet its requirements.

Address

Federal Business Development Bank
10150 - 100th Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 0P6
Phone: 429-4926

Grande Prairie, Red Deer, Calgary, And Lethbridge Offices.

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Service/Program

SMALL BUSINESS LOANS
(GOVERNMENT OF CANADA)

Nature

While the Department Of Finance does not normally administer programs, it does act as guarantor in several lending situations. The loans programs are currently under review.

Eligibility

The proprietor of a small business enterprise or someone who is about to establish a new business enterprise may borrow. This may be a sole proprietor, a partnership or a limited liability company.

Address

Chief
Guaranteed Loans Administration
Finance Department
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0G5

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

ALBERTA OPPORTUNITY COMPANY

Nature

Objective is to promote development of resources, general growth and diversification of the Alberta economy. Direct loans or guarantee of loans for capital and inventory financing are available from a $100 million Alberta Opportunity Fund.

Eligibility

Alberta firms.

Address

Alberta Opportunity Company
Head Office
P.O. Box 1860
Ponoka, Alberta
T0C 2H0
Phone: 783-4481

14th Floor — Capitol Square
10065 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 0H4
Phone: 427-2140

Calgary Office

Service/Program

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Nature

The EDP replaces previous innovation programs and adjustment assistance programs. It is to aid coordination between programs to make them more accessible to smaller and medium-sized businesses. Enhanced growth in the manufacturing and processing sectors is the main objective. Forms of assistance vary depending on the objective of the measure but are usually loans or grants.

Eligibility

Small and medium-sized firms.

Address

C.G. Bullis, Director
Industry Trade and Commerce, Alberta Region
500 MacDonald Place
9939 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2W8

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

DEVELOPMENT OF MANAGEMENT COURSES

Nature

Program designed to help non-profit professional industry, business or management associations develop management retraining or up-grading courses of high quality. Grants up to 100% or costs of developing new courses — maximum of $50,000.

Eligibility

Applicant must be non-profit professional, industry, business or management association that can contribute significantly to the improvement of managerial competence in Canadian industry.

Address

Department Of Industry, Trade And Commerce
5th Floor - 9939 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2W8

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Service/Program

INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Nature

The objective of the program is to increase the calibre and scope of industrial research in Canada in situations where it leads to high business effectiveness with economic and/or social benefit to Canada. Assistance is in the form of grants intended primarily for applied research and development. Grants up to 50% for payment of salaries of Research and Development staff for a period up to three years. Applications accepted any time during the year.

Eligibility

Available to all companies incorporated in Canada.

Address

Industrial Research Assistance Program
National Research Council Of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0R6
Phone: (613) 992-0081

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

NATIONAL DESIGN PROGRAM

Nature

To improve product design. Sponsors programs to make industry and the public aware of good design. Financial assistance available for educational purposes, design development and certain design research.

Eligibility

Any Canadian group, institution or corporation.

Address

Department Of Industry, Trade And Commerce
5th Floor - 9939 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2W8

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Service/Program

GRANTS TO PRODUCER GROUPS

Nature

Grants of varying amounts may be made for promotion and other market expansion programs. Project proposals should be discussed with the Commodity Commissioner.

Eligibility

These grants can be made to commodity groups already existing or in the process of organizing.

Address

Commodity Development Branch
Marketing Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

MACHINERY PROGRAM (MACH)

Nature

To simplify tariff treatment of imported machinery which are not available in Canada, by remission of tariff. Also provides tariff protection to a Canadian machinery manufacturer.

Eligibility

Canadian importers or manufacturers of machinery.

Address

Department Of Industry, Trade And Commerce
5th Floor - 9939 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2W8

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Service/Program

CENTRAL MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION (CMHC)

Nature

Administers the National Housing Act. Federal assistance for home ownership housing and rental projects built by private entrepreneurs is provided through a system of mortgage insurance. Under this arrangement, loans are advanced by private approved lenders and a guarantee on their investment is provided by CMHC. Borrowers can usually obtain a longer repayment period and a lower rate of interest than is available in the conventional lending field. Direct loans are also made for home ownership and for new rental housing where assistance is not available from the approved lenders.

Eligibility

Insured mortgage loans are normally available to individual home-owner applicants, to builders constructing houses, and to some special groups such as cooperative housing associations. Also available for existing housing which the purchaser intends to occupy. Direct loans are usually only available in small towns, rural areas, and other remote parts of Canada not normally serviced by approved lenders.

Address

Economics And Statistics Division
Central Mortgage And Housing Corporation
Montreal Road
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P7

Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation
12315 - Stony Plain Road
Edmonton, Alberta

Calgary, Lethbridge, Grande Prairie, Red Deer And Medicine Hat Offices.

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Service/Program

DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Nature

To provide assistance in cases of natural disaster resulting in damage not normally insured against. Funds may be used to repair buildings or improvements, replace livestock, or for other purposes. Grants equivalent to the first three years' interest may also be made. Applications take the same form as for the Direct Loan Program.

Eligibility

Producers who have suffered loss or damage due to tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, etc. or other causes not normally insured against.

Address

Agricultural Development Corporation
4910 - 52 Street
Camrose, Alberta
T4V 2V4

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Service/Program

EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EDC)

Nature

Export Development Corporation is a federally owned commercial enterprise that provides financial facilities to assist Canada's export trade. It has assets well in excess of a billion dollars and lending, insurance and guarantees capacities of nearly $7 billion. EDC operates to help Canadian exporters remain competitive in world markets. It does this by providing insurance, loans, guarantees and other services.

Eligibility

Business and industry

Address

Western Region Manager
Export Development Corporation
P.O. Box 49024, The Bentall Centre
Vancouver, B.C.
V7X 1C4
Phone: (604) 688-8658
Edmonton and Calgary can call toll-free Zenith 08659

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

PROGRAM FOR EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT (PEMD)

Nature

a) Incentive for Participation in Capital Projects Abroad — Sharing with Canadian companies expenses incurred during pre-contractual phases of selected capital projects;
b) Marketing Identification and Marketing Adjustment Program — Sharing with Canadian companies or agents and trading companies representing small companies, expenses to identify foreign market potential and adapting to marketing requirements and practices in an export market;
c) Incentives for Participation in Trade Fairs Abroad Program — Sharing with Canadian companies expenses incurred in participating in trade fairs held outside Canada;
d) Incoming Buyers Program — Sharing expenses incurred to bring potential foreign buyers to the plant of the Canadian firm involved; and
e) Export Consortium Assistance — Promoting development and use of Canadian export consortia.

Eligibility

Canadian companies with potential for competitive performance in foreign markets.

Address

Department Of Industry, Trade And Commerce
5th Floor - 9939 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2W8

Service/Program

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Nature

For Canadian firms contemplating investment in developing countries, a pre-investment program is available as follows:

1. The Starter Study: Reimbursement of up to $2,500 to travel to host country for preliminary analysis and to discuss proposal with host government and indigenous industry officials.
2. The Feasibility Study: Reimbursement of up to 50% of allowable costs to a maximum of $25,000 for economic analysis of potential profitability of enterprise and impact on host country.

Eligibility

Canadian companies who have demonstrated competency in a particular field and possess adequate resources for investment. Particular encouragement is given to joint venture proposals.

Address

Business and Industry Division
Canadian International Development Agency
Jackson Building
122 Bank Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0G4
Phone: (613) 992-9064

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

NATIONAL REVENUE — CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

Nature

The most direct method Customs and Excise has of financially assisting Canadian businessmen is through the payment of customs drawbacks. This is a program whereby customs duty and taxes are returned on certain imported products that have been used or disposed of in a manner that qualifies them under any of the areas of drawback. The customs drawback program would mainly be of interest to Canadian businessmen in respect of imported goods and materials that are further manufactured and exported.

Eligibility

The possibility of a business qualifying for drawback should be discussed on an individual basis with a member of Customs and Excise.

Address

Department Of National Revenue Customs
and Excise Drawbacks
Refunds and Remissions Division
Drawback and Refund Unit
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0L5

Service/Program

FINANCIAL RESTRUCTURING LOAN PROGRAM

Nature

Where it can be shown that the ratio of short term to long term debt is out of balance and is critically affecting the farm's viability because the annual demands for debt retirement require a large percentage of the net cash farm income, the Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation will consider term financing if all the conditions are met. The term is a maximum of 20 years with a base direct loan interest rate plus 1% (currently 10%); subject to bi-annual review. Loan limit as Direct Farm Loan.

Eligibility

If funding secured with the assistance of an ADC Specific Guarantee will not alleviate the financial imbalance; there is ample land and building security; the farmer has a favourable credit history; conditions beyond the individuals' control contributed to his present financial difficulty; the individual has a history of good management of the financial and cultural aspects of his farm.

Address

Agricultural Development Corporation
4910 - 52 Street
Camrose, Alberta
T4V 2V4

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

SPECIFIED GUARANTEED AGRI-BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM

Nature

Designed to aid in the growth of agri-business in rural communities and to make rural centers more viable entities. There is no maximum on the amount of the loan and the interest rate is a maximum of 1% above banks' prime lending rate.

Eligibility

Those businesses that process agricultural products that return into the agricultural cycle or provide a necessary service to farmers and who are unable to obtain credit at reasonable terms and conditions from the normal lending sources.

Address

Agricultural Development Corporation
4910 - 52 Street
Camrose, Alberta
T4V 2V4

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Service/Program

ALBERTA FARM DEVELOPMENT LOAN

Nature

Drawn up by the Agricultural Development Corporation in conjunction with the banks and lenders to make short and intermediate term money more readily available to farmers, and to complement long-term lending programs now in effect.

Eligibility

Available to increase productivity or improve agricultural assets. Available from the lending institution of his choice, which has a signed agreement with the corporation.

Address

Agricultural Development Corporation
4910 - 52 Street
Camrose, Alberta
T4V 2V4

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

DIRECT FARM LOAN PROGRAM

Nature

Loans may be made to primary producers for purchase of land, consolidating outstanding liabilities, constructing, altering, repairing, or extending buildings on land owned or being purchased by the borrower, permanent improvements to increase productive value, or any other purpose approved by the Corporation, related to establishment or maintenance of a family farm.

Eligibility

Other sources of credit not available. Each case considered on its own merits with regard to the need demonstrated or potential management ability of the applicant. Loans normally to a $150,000 maximum.

Address

Agricultural Development Corporation
4910 - 52 Street
Camrose, Alberta
T4V 2V4

Service/Program

FARM IMPROVEMENT LOANS
(GOVERNMENT OF CANADA)

Nature

This program makes it easier for farmers to get term loans to buy additional farm land, livestock, agricultural implements, farm equipment or to carry out a wide range of farm improvement projects. The Farm Improvement Loans Act authorizes the Minister of Finance to guarantee loans granted to farmers by chartered banks and other lenders designated by the Minister of Finance as banks for the purposes of the Act.

Eligibility

Only a farmer may borrow. It is not necessary in all cases to be the owner of a farm to be eligible. For many loan purposes, a farmer may apply if he is a tenant. He must, however, be in possession of a farm and his principal occupation must be the operation of a farm.

A farmer seeking assistance should first discuss any financial requirements with the manager of a lending agency. Application forms are available at any lending agency, while general information is available from the address below.

Address

Chief
Guaranteed Loans Administration
Department Of Finance
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0G5

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

BEGINNING FARMERS' PROGRAM

Nature

To assist young potential farmers with farm experience and/or adequate education to establish themselves in a farming operation. Maximum loan plus fixed assets is $125,000 to be used for land, machinery, livestock, and improvements. Application takes the same form as the Direct Loan Program.

Eligibility

Applicants are usually required to have 10% equity. If applicant is from farm background, 3 years practical farm experience, or 1 year farm experience and 2 years agricultural college or university. If from non-farm background, 3 years experience plus 2 years agricultural college or university. Loans approved subject to certain conditions being met.

Address

Agricultural Development Corporation
4910 - 52 Street
Camrose, Alberta
T4V 2V4

Service/Program

ALBERTA AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Nature

Intended to meet credit needs of Albertans involved in agricultural industries unable to borrow from other sources on reasonable terms and conditions. Loan guarantees are available for either capital or operating purposes.

Eligibility

Available to businesses qualifying under the Agricultural Development Act, who process primary agricultural products which re-enter the agricultural cycle or who provide a necessary service to farming enterprises and who are unable to secure financing from the normal lenders.

Address

Alberta Agricultural
Development Corporation
Head Office 4910 - 52nd Street Camrose, Alberta
T4V 2V4 Phone: 672-3347
Athabasca, Barrhead, Brooks, Calgary, Cardston, Claresholm, Drumheller, Edmonton, Fairview, Falher, Grande Prairie, Hanna, Lacombe, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Olds, Peace River, Red Deer, Ryley, Smoky Lake, Spirit River, Stettler, St. Paul, Taber, Two Hills, Vermilion, Wainwright, and Westlock offices.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PRODUCTS MARKET DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Nature

A federal market development program with the objective of achieving sustained expansion of the total effective market for Canadian agricultural food products. The purpose of this financial assistance is to extend the scope of initiative, particularly in the private sector by assisting projects that otherwise would not be carried out or would be carried out on a reduced scale. The three broad categories for projects which may qualify for assistance are: feasibility projects; development projects; Canadian capability projects.

Eligibility

Canadian companies, agencies, industry, associations, universities, institutes and similar entities. General requirements of sponsors:

a) to be established in Canada,
b) to have ability, or demonstrated potential, in the phase of agricultural and food products market development, and
c) to have satisfactory financial and management resources.

Address

Agriculture, Fisheries And Food Products Branch
Department Of Industry Trade And Commerce
112 Kent Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0H5
Phone: (613) 994-9765

Agricultural And Food Products Market Development Assistance Program
Marketing Services Division
Production And Marketing Branch Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Building
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0C5
Phone: (613) 994-9765

Service/Program

FARMERS' MARKET ASSISTANCE

Nature

This program was set up to encourage the establishment of farmers' markets throughout Alberta. Grants of up to $10,000 may be made to sponsoring groups or individuals — up to $5,000 for physical facilities and up to $5,000 for organizational and promotional expenses. Departmental staff are available to assist in making surveys considered necessary in planning of markets.

Eligibility

Funds are available to sponsors in communities where there appears to be sufficient potential volume of business and people willing to become stall holders. Possible sponsors include auction markets, agricultural societies, fair and exhibition associations, town and municipal councils, and co-operatives.

Address

Commodity Development Branch
Marketing Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO INDUSTRY

Nature

The Section provides advice and assistance in research, development, feasibility and finance. The purpose of the program is to stimulate, assist and facilitate agri-business in the development, modification or expansion of food and feed processing facilities in Alberta.

Eligibility

To all interested inquirers wishing to develop, modify or expand processing facilities in Alberta.

Address

Agricultural Processing Branch
Market Development Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

VEGETABLE PRODUCERS' LOAN PROGRAM

Nature

To assist in the obtaining of equipment specifically used for vegetable production. Other purposes receiving written approval from the Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation.

Eligibility

Those farmers with at least 50% of their annual net income from the farm and with total assets, as defined by the A.A.D.C. of less than $250,000; and qualified as a grower of one of the following crops: potatoes and licensed by the Alberta Fresh Vegetable Marketing Board; market garden crops and a grower who has completed 2 years participation in A.D.A.'s Market Garden Development Program.

Address

Horticulture Branch
Plant Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

MARKET GARDEN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Nature

The purpose of this program is to increase market garden production in Alberta. The assistance is in the form of a development grant. This grant is available to market gardeners who qualify and is to be used for seed, fertilizer, equipment, etc. The grant payment is $200.00 for the minimum 2 acres required for eligibility or $300.00 for 3 or more acres of vegetable and/or fruit production. Vegetables included are those commonly grown in Alberta, except potatoes. Bearing strawberries and raspberries are also included.

Eligibility

The market gardener must produce, harvest and sell all produce from a minimum of two acres of land fully planted vegetables and/or fruit.

Address

Horticulture Branch
Plant Industry Division
Alberta Agriculture
#601, 9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8
Phone: 427-5337

Service/Program

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE STORAGE CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Nature

Provide financial assistance to producer groups for construction of specialized fruit and vegetable storage facilities. It is intended to encourage construction of storages suitable for preservation of perishable fruit and vegetables over an extended period of time. The policy is to provide assistance of one-third of the total cost of construction to a maximum payment of $500,000. Purchase of land, site development, architect's fees, grading and handling equipment and access roadways or railway spur lines may be included in the total cost.

Eligibility

Producer associations, cooperatives or boards engaged in production, storage and marketing of fruit and vegetables for the fresh market or processing are eligible.

Address

Fruit And Vegetable Division
Production And Marketing Branch
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Building
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0C5
Phone: (613) 994-9645

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES PROGRAM

Nature

Provides for incorporation of agricultural societies. Applies to seed shows, livestock shows, and horticultural or flower shows, and others. 75% of prize money paid out by shows is reimbursed. Pays judges' honoraria. A $50,000 grant is available to agricultural societies for agricultural recreation, sports, crafts, and facilities. A loan program processes guaranteed loans for agricultural societies.

Eligibility

Alberta agricultural societies incorporated under the terms of the Agricultural Societies Act are eligible.

Address

Agricultural Services Branch
Farm Development Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

GRANTS TO EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS

Nature

For the promotion of agricultural production and marketing, grants are provided to listed fairs and exhibitions for judges fees, junior activities and permanent improvements, and for prizes in livestocks classifications. The prize money assistance is given to competitive beef, dairy cattle, sheep and swine shows held at listed exhibitions adopting the classifications offered by the Canada Department of Agriculture. This assistance is provided through reimbursement of 50% of the prize monies paid out under the prize money schedules authorized by the Department.

Eligibility

Available to all fairs, exhibitions and museums that qualify under the regulations of the Exhibition Grants Regulations.

Address

Livestock Division
Production And Marketing Branch
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Building
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0C5
Phone: (613) 994-9555

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

LIVESTOCK FAIR ASSISTANCE POLICY

Nature

To encourage Alberta breeder participation at four major fairs: Royal (Toronto), PNE (Vancouver), Agribition (Regina), and Western Livestock Show (Denver). Grants match prize money at PNE and Agribition. Grants on per head shown basis for the Toronto and Denver shows.

Eligibility

Grants available to Alberta livestock breeders entering stock in the above fairs.

Address

Beef Cattle And Sheep Branch
Animal Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION LOANS PROGRAM

Nature

Exhibition associations may obtain long term loans for the construction of buildings which, in addition to providing improved and enlarged exhibition facilities, can be used year round for a wide variety of community purposes. The program enables exhibition associations to borrow up to 90% of the cost of an approved project, for a period up to 30 years.

Eligibility

Available to all agriculture organizations empowered pursuant to provincial law to hold an agricultural exhibition.

Address

Livestock Division
Production and Marketing Branch
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Building
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0C5
Phone: (613) 994-9555

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

NATIVE RANGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Nature

To increase farm and ranch income by promoting range improvement practices. Incentives will be $70 per $1,000 per year of the original loan for a maximum of 5 years. The maximum amount of the loan eligible for incentive is $4,000 for individual farm or ranch. Available from the lending institution of applicant's choice under the Alberta Farm Development Loan.

Eligibility

May apply to all Alberta farmers and ranchers who utilize range for hay and pasture.

Address

Agricultural Development Corporation
4910 - 52 Street
Camrose, Alberta
T4V 2V4

Service/Program

NEW CROP DEVELOPMENT FUND

Nature

A federal production development program which provides financial incentives and assistance to projects originating in the private sector. The program's objective is to stimulate the development and adaptation of new crops and new varieties offering promise for Canadian agriculture. The fund is designed to bridge the gap between basic research and commercial production by aiding development research. Projects submitted should be directed toward expanding and broadening the base of the search for new crops and varieties offering promise for Canadian agriculture.

Eligibility

Organizations incorporated in Canada including commercial organizations, industry associations, universities, provincial government agencies and similar non-profit organizations.

Address

New Crop Development Fund Secretariat
Marketing Services Division
Production And Marketing Branch
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Building
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0C5
Phone: (613) 994-9765

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

ADVANCED PAYMENTS FOR CROPS ACT

Nature

Assists producers of storable crops in all parts of Canada to market their crops in an orderly manner by establishing an advanced payment program, guaranteeing to repay advances made under the program and paying the interest costs on money borrowed for this purpose. The guarantee under this Act is limited to 50% of the expected market value of the crop in question. Crops include all field crops that are storable plus honey and maple products but excludes wheat, oats and barley grown in Canadian Wheat Board area.

Eligibility

Available to all Canadian producer organizations which offer initial payments to producers on delivery of the crop.

Address

Grains and Special Crops Division
Production and Marketing Branch
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Building
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0C5
Phone: (613) 994-9514

Service/Program

TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Nature

The program of tree planting is carried on throughout the Province. The areas of concern include farmstead shelterbelts, field shelterbelts and roadside plantings. Farmers and rural organizations can make application through the District Agriculturist to obtain trees for the above purposes. Each year a limited number of bundles of shrubs are distributed to farm families who have the necessary locations and the interest to care for them properly. Advice and information is given concerning the proper handling of trees as well as disease problems which may arise. The land where planting will take place must be summerfallowed one year in advance. A plan of the planting showing location, measurements, varieties and other such items should be submitted.

Eligibility

Farmers and rural community organizations.

Address

Horticulture Branch
Plant Industry Division
Alberta Agriculture
#601, 9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8
Phone: 427-5349

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

WESTERN GRAIN STABILIZATION ACT

Nature

Designed to stabilize producers' net returns for the major crops on the prairies. It provides for producer and federal contributions to a stabilization fund each year. In any given year when net cash flow is less than the previous 5 year average, a stabilization payment equal to the difference is made from the fund. Participating producers will share in this stabilization payment on the basis of their relative contributions.

Eligibility

Crops covered: wheat, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed, rapeseed, and mustard seed produced by Canadian producers with a Canadian Wheat Board permit book.

Address

Western Grain Stabilization Administration
935 - 303 Main Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3C 3H5
Phone: (204) 994-9765

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Service/Program

RAPESEED UTILIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Nature

A coordinated research and development effort to promote improvements in the manufacture of rapeseed products. Project funding is based on priorities established each year by the Rapeseed Association of Canada. The work is usually performed at universities.

Eligibility

Rapeseed Association of Canada

Address

Mr. W. M. Price,
Grain Marketing Office,
Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce,
Ottawa, Ontario.
Tel: (613) 996-7871

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

CO-OP MILKYARD PROGRAM

Nature

A pilot project designed to give small producers an opportunity to join together to use common facilities to make maximum usage of a single premises and equipment. Some ability to schedule working conditions. Program may include herds up to 1,000 milking cows in a single operation. Loans available under the Agricultural Development Corporation $50,000 Guaranteed Loan Program.

Eligibility

Available to small Alberta milk producers.

Address

Dairy Branch
Dairy Division
Provincial Building
Wetaskiwin, Alberta
T9A 0S7

Service/Program

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE TO SHEEP PRODUCERS

Nature

Under a federal-provincial policy, freight assistance is paid on the movement of breeding ewes to establish or enlarge good commercial flocks in sheep deficient areas. Payment of up to one-half the actual transportation costs of the movement, within Canada, of Canadian bred commercial ewes and ewe lambs. Industrial shipments must contain at least 100 ewes and shipping distance be not less than two hundred miles.

Eligibility

Available on all sheep movements that meet the terms and conditions of the program.

Address

Livestock Division
Production And Marketing Branch
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Building
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0C5
Phone: (613) 994-9555

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

EWE LAMB RETENTION PROGRAM

Nature

Designed to encourage Alberta's sheep production by giving an incentive grant of $15 for each sheep that results in an increase in a sheep flock over and above a 15 per cent replacement level. Grants paid on a maximum of 200 head increase.

Eligibility

Alberta sheep producers.

Address

Beef Cattle And Sheep Branch
Animal Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

LIVESTOCK AND SEMEN EXPORT ASSISTANCE

Nature

Financial assistance up to a maximum of $20,000 to any livestock breed association, semen producer, breeder or exporter is offered to increase sales from Alberta. The money may be used for trade missions, participation in exhibitions, technical assistance in developing countries and related market development projects.

Eligibility

Applicants must first apply to the federal Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, as that department sometimes offers funds. Each application will be considered on its own merit.

Address

Commodity Section
Marketing Sector
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

FEEDER ASSOCIATIONS

Nature

To make available financial assistance for obtaining feeder and feedlot cattle for the purpose of growing and finishing said cattle for market. Applicants must have sufficient supply of feed on hand and have suitable facilities for the growing and finishing of feedlot cattle.

Eligibility

Services available to all farmers in Alberta who are or wish to become members of a Feeder Association.

Address

Regulatory Services And Feeder Associations Branch
Animal Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ASSOCIATIONS

Nature

To serve rural areas with power. Branch assists in forming associations, examines loan applications, supervises and audits accounting records. Provides liaison with power companies, co-ops, and other groups. Rural Electrification Associations may borrow from the Rural Electrification Revolving Fund with interest of 3½% per annum.

Eligibility

Any bona fide farm may have all its installation costs exceeding $2,500 loaned on an interest-free basis, as long as it is the first service for the individual.

Address

Co-operative Activities And Credit Union Branch
Farm Development Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

FASHION DESIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FDAP)

Nature

To increase the international competitiveness of the Canadian apparel, textile and leather industries. Offers incentives to designers and students of fashion design for advanced studies in fashion design.

Eligibility

Fashion design students.

Address

Department Of Industry, Trade And Commerce
5th Floor - 9939 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2W8

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Service/Program

FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT LOANS
(GOVERNMENT OF CANADA)

Nature

This program makes it easier for fishermen to get term loans for a variety of fisheries improvement projects. The Fisheries Improvement Loans Act authorizes the Minister of Finance to guarantee term loans granted to fishermen by chartered banks and other lenders designated by the Minister of Finance as banks for the purpose of the Act.

Eligibility

Only fishermen may borrow.

Address

Chief
Guaranteed Loans Administration
Place Bell Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0G5

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Service/Program

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR FILM

Nature

To foster and promote the development of a feature film industry in Canada. Financial assistance can be in the form of direct investment awards or loans.

To develop all types of expertise in film production for theatres or television.

Eligibility

Canadian feature films and Canadian feature film productions.

Address

Canadian Film Development Corporation
P.O. Box 71
Tour de la Bourse
Montreal, Quebec
H4Z 1A8

Service/Program

DEFENSE INDUSTRY PRODUCTIVITY PROGRAM (DIPP)

Nature

To assist, develop and sustain technological capability of Canadian industry primarily for the purpose of defense export sales, and also for civil export sales resulting from this capability. Cost-sharing up to 50% of current and capital defense-orientated research and development expenditures.

Eligibility

Canadian incorporated companies.

Address

Department Of Industry, Trade And Commerce
5th Floor - 9939 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2W8

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL PROGRAMS

Nature

To facilitate the adoption of research results by industry as quickly as possible. Some cooperative research is undertaken. Information services are provided. There are several different programs.

Eligibility

Business and industry

Address

Mr. R. D. Hiscocks, Vice-President Industry
National Research Council of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0R6
Tel: (613) 992-0081

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Service/Program

STATISTICS CANADA

Nature

Statistics Canada has a national responsibility for collecting and publishing statistical information needed by governments, industry and the general public to understand Canadian social and economic conditions. A free catalogue listing all publications is available on request.

Eligibility

The public, industry and government.

Address

Statistics Canada
1000, 10025 - 106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 1G9
Phone: 425-5052

Throughout Alberta the Edmonton office can be reached free of charge at 1-800-222-6400.

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RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

ALBERTA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

Nature

Compiles, analyzes and publishes statistical information pertaining to Alberta. Publications relevant to this area issued by Statistics Canada and other government sources are also available in the Bureau library.

Eligibility

The public, business, industry and government.

Address

Alberta Bureau of Statistics
Alberta Treasury
21st Floor, Park Square
10001 - Bellamy Hill
Edmonton, Alta.
T5J 3B6

Service/Program

ALBERTA MAP AND AIR PHOTO DISTRIBUTION CENTRE

Nature

Distributes air photos, maps and respective technical data. Provides the services of a map and air photo reference library.

Eligibility

The public, business, industry and government.

Address

Alberta Map and Air Photo Distribution Centre
2nd Floor West, Petroleum Plaza, North Tower
9945 - 108 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2G6
Phone: 427-8148

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

CANADA POST OFFICE INFORMATION

Nature

The Post Office provides three publications that are particularly helpful to business people:

Household Directory — Contains names, addresses and occupations of householders receiving mail at all post offices and rural routes except where covered by a commercial directory. This information is also available on computer tape.
Householder Figures Booklets — Contains the number of householders English and French speaking, receiving mail at post offices and on rural routes not covered by letter carrier.
Letter Carrier Route Lists — Available for all areas covered by letter carriers. They show the number of customers and business places on each route and are used to "blanket" any area with advertising material.

Eligibility

All types of business.

Address

Sales And Customer Service
Canada Post Office
Station 281
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0Y2

Marketing Manager
Canada Post Office
9828 - 104 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2T0

Service/Program

CANADA POST OFFICE SERVICES

Nature

Consultation and brochures are available to provide customers with information on how to prepare and package mail to obtain more efficient postal service, often at lower rates.

Programs to assist business and industry include:
Postpak — An economical mini-container system using mailbags or containers to move goods at bulk rates from point to point;
Certified Mail — A proof-of-delivery system for important letters, documents or merchandise; and
Telepost-Mailgram — A combination of electronic transmission and local mail delivery by telephoning the local CN/CP office. Cost is less than that of a telegram.

Eligibility

All types of business.

Address

Sales and Customer Service
Canada Post Office
Station 281
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0Y2

Marketing Manager
Canada Post Office
9828 - 104 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2T0

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Nature

A group of organizations were created with grants to increase resources available to industry for specialized research and the provision of technical advice. Clients pay full costs of research and funds from the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce underwrite administrative costs of connecting firms and universities.

Eligibility

All interested firms.

Address

Professor R. E. Chant, Director
Office of Industrial Research
University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3T 2N2
Tel: (204) 474-9463

Service/Program

CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

Nature

Promotes, supervises and regulates all types of co-operatives registered under The Co-operative Associations Act; administers subsidiary programs including The Co-operative Marketing Associations Guarantee Act.

Eligibility

Co-operatives registered under The Co-operative Associations Act.

Address

Co-operative Development Branch
Department Of Consumer And Corporate Affairs
7th Floor — Capitol Square
10065 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 3B1
Phone: 427-2201

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

CO-OPERATIVES SECTION

Nature

To advise, register and supervise all co-operatives, including consumer, livestock feeding, marketing and seed-cleaning associations.

Eligibility

All co-operatives.

Address

Co-operative Activities and Credit Union Branch
Farm Development Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

Nature

Alberta Research Council carries out studies on the nature and content of mineral resources in Alberta. Research is undertaken to gain knowledge to assist in their utilization. The group has a Technical Information Service which can be used by all. Research for industry is available on a contract basis; results and patents are the property of the sponsor. *Industry Development Branch* is the technical arm of the Department, providing information to industry and other government departments. The group is technically qualified to advise companies in such areas as licenses, production techniques, manufacturing opportunities and joint ventures. *Marketing Services* assists through evaluating domestic and foreign markets, counselling, and a financial assistance program to help small firms go on trade missions of various sorts. *Northern Development Branch* is concerned with the social and economic life of those in northern Alberta. *Research and Analysis* prepares market demand and detailed industry feasibility studies and general economic information on all areas. This group also prepares several publications. *Travel Alberta* is the group dealing with promotion of tourism in Alberta.

Eligibility

The public, business, industry and municipal governments.

Address

Business Development And Tourism
Capitol Square
10065 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 0H4

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

IMPORT ANALYSIS PROGRAM

Nature

This aims to assist industrial development and trade promotion by providing analyses of imports in significantly greater detail than that given in StatCanada regular import data.

Eligibility

All firms. Priority is usually given to requests embodying increased employment.

Address

Import Analysis Branch
Industry, Trade and Commerce
Ottawa, Ontario
Tel: (613) 992-4466

Service/Program

TRADE DEVELOPMENT

Nature

To assist in the development of export sales by:

1. Identifying specific export sales, foreign joint venture and licensing opportunities.
2. Co-ordinating private sector participation in major trade shows.
3. Planning, organizing and implementing small trade shows.
4. Providing expertise on foreign business environments; negotiation of foreign contracts; sourcing potential agents, distributors or foreign partners; documentation requirements; sourcing export financing and transportation systems, for specific opportunity.
5. Initiating and co-ordinating incoming buyer visits.
6. Assisting in the development of consortia for specific export sales projects.

Eligibility

This program is available to Alberta industrial and consulting companies.

Address

Trade Development Branch
Alberta Business Development And Tourism
15th Floor, Capitol Square
10065 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 0H4
Phone: 427-4809

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

CENTRE FOR JOINT VENTURES AND TURNKEY PROJECTS

Nature

Efforts will be concentrated on joint venture projects *abroad* that clearly have prospects of providing significant benefits to Canda.
Examples of these are:

1. Joint Ventures providing good prospects for sales of Canadian capital goods and services.
2. Joint Ventures tying up a badly needed resource in Canada.
3. Joint Ventures capturing a foreign market by going behind tariffs and non-tariff barriers to assemble for local distribution. To overcome the reluctance of Canadian companies to make bids in the highly competitive turnkey projects market, incentives and assistance are available to stimulate Canadian interest and to develop and sustain the capability of our companies to compete successfully.

Eligibility

Business and industry

Address

Centre for Joint Ventures and Turnkey Projects
Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce
Ottawa, Ontario
Tel: (613) 996-7211

Service/Program

INTERNATIONAL BUREAUX

Nature

Protects and improves the access of Canadian goods to export markets. Supplies details on rates of duty, import restrictions, documentation requirements, and other foreign government measures affecting Canadian exports. Provides information on economic and trading conditions in all parts of the world and assistance in planning visits to foreign markets.

Eligibility

Canadian exporters.

Address

Department Of Industry, Trade And Commerce
5th Floor - 9939 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2W8

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

OFFICE OF GENERAL RELATIONS

Nature

Responsible for advance planning of Canada's external trade policies and general trade policies affecting both primary and secondary manufacturing. Plans, negotiates and administers intergovernmental commodity agreements requiring close contact with Canadian industry. Develops policies and procedures for external aid, export credits and other export financing, and informs Canadian exporters about Canadian and international export financing.

Eligibility

Canadian exporters.

Address

Department Of Industry, Trade And Commerce
5th Floor - 9939 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2W8

Service/Program

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT (EA)

Nature

The Department of External Affairs provides: information and advice on political and economic conditions in foreign countries; advice on commercial matters in countries where there is no resident trade commissioner; names of lawyers in foreign countries; public affairs information on media contacts; and general consular services, i.e. issuing and renewing passports, etc.

Eligibility

Services available to any individual, firm or group requiring it.

Address

Information Services Division
External Affairs Department
5th Floor, Tower B
Lester B. Pearson Building
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0G2

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

CANADIAN PATENTS AND DEVELOPMENT LIMITED (CPDL)

Nature

Canadian Patents And Development Limited is a Crown Corporation responsible for arranging the commercial exploitation of inventions arising from government financed research carried out by government departments, universities and public research institutions. In this capacity, CPDL screens disclosures from its various sources, and arranges to patent those deemed to have commercial potential.

Eligibility

All inventors.

Address

Licensing Existing Inventions
Canadian Patents and Development Limited
275 Slater Street
Ottawa, Canada
K1A 0R3
Phone: (613) 996-5530

Services to Inventors
The Inventors' Assistance Program
Office Of Research Administration
University of Waterloo
Waterloo, Ontario
N2L 3G1

Service/Program

FASHION/CANADA

Nature

Aims at fostering greater design creativity in Canadian fashion products to improve their competitive position in domestic and export markets.

Eligibility

Textile and clothing industries in Canada.

Address

Department Of Industry, Trade And Commerce
5th Floor - 9939 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2W8

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

DEFENSE PROGRAMS BRANCH

Nature

Promotes defense export trade through marketing programs aimed at the sale of Canadian defense and defense related, high-technology equipment and establishment of arrangements for defense, industrial research, development and production.

Eligibility

Defense-oriented exporters.

Address

Department Of Industry, Trade And Commerce
5th Floor - 9939 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2W8

Service/Program

DIRECTORATE OF ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE PLANNING AND STANDARDIZATION (DEMPS)

Nature

This is an information service providing advice, information and guidance to aid Canadian firms in making sales of military equipment to Canada, the U.S. and other NATO countries.

Eligibility

Industry.

Address

National Defense Headquarters
National Defense Department
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0K2

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

QUALITY CONTROL, FOOD RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Nature

To provide analytical and consulting services to Alberta's food industries and government agencies concerned with food production, processing and distribution. To ensure the consumer and exporter that Alberta produced products meet quality and composition standards. To assist food industries through new and existing product development, processing techniques, equipment selection, packaging, shelf life, etc. To provide analytical services for payment purpose to dairy producers and Dairy Herd Improvement program.

Eligibility

The Branch's help is available to any Albertan or any investor or industrialist interested in locating in Alberta.

Address

Agricultural Processing Branch
Market Development Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

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Service/Program

RESEARCH INTO NEW FOOD PRODUCTS

Nature

This includes an investigation of the nutritional value, marketability, production costs and development feasibility for products made from Alberta-grown crops.

Eligibility

General.

Address

Agriculture Processing Branch
Development Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

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RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

CROP IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Nature

Designed to provide information on cropping procedures, production, and marketing of cereals, oilseeds, forage, and special crops.

Eligibility

Services available to Alberta producers and allied industry.

Address

Field Crops Branch
Plant Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

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Service/Program

PRODUCTION COSTS AND RETURNS INFORMATION

Nature

To provide farmers with the costs and returns involved in producing various agricultural commodities in different areas of Alberta and under varying conditions. Included is an annual study of dairy production costs and formula price application. This study is used by the Public Utilities Board in setting milk prices. It also establishes annual trends in incomes, prices, and dairy investment.

Eligibility

The study reports are available to the public.

Address

Production Economics Branch
Market Intelligence Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

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RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

PRODUCTION ECONOMICS BRANCH

Nature

This branch promotes and participates in regional research in costs of production for different agricultural products through a Consensus Research Data Program. It also updates prior reports and investigates comparative costs and returns between domestic and foreign agricultural undertakings.

Eligibility

Results of these studies may be obtained by the general public.

Address

Market Intelligence Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

MARKET INFORMATION SERVICES

Nature

Provides market information on all Canadian agricultural products on a daily, weekly, monthly and annual basis. Information is provided on dairy, poultry, horticulture, grains and livestock products. All information is distributed free of charge upon request.

Eligibility

Available to all upon request.

Address

Market Information Services
Production And Marketing Branch
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Building
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0C5
Phone: (613) 994-9516

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

MARKET ANALYSIS BRANCH

Nature

Provision of market and business information and analysis for farmers, agri-business and in-house agents. Market information, both domestic and international, is collected, relayed and/or analyzed and disseminated in appropriate form to clients. Business analyses and project assessments are made upon request. The program is designed to provide market information for decision-making by the industry.

Eligibility

The Branch works with farmers, agri-business, departmental staff, and others who request assistance.

Address

Market Intelligence Division
Marketing Sector
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

STATISTICS BRANCH

Nature

This Branch assembles and analyzes data on Alberta agriculture and maintains a library of statistical information. Its purpose is to achieve an informed agricultural industry in Alberta through the provision of reliable, timely and comprehensive statistics to the department, other government agencies, agri-business, and the public.

Eligibility

Farmers, farm organizations, agri-business, provincial and federal government staff and agencies, and the general public.

Address

Economic Services Division
3rd Floor Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
Phone: 427-4016

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

Nature

Provides an information program directed towards producers, agri-business, consumers, and the general public. Agricultural policies, programs, research developments, and marketing are reviewed through daily radio and television programming, news releases, publications, and audio-visual production. Assistance in preparation and distribution of information is provided within the department, and to commodity groups, farm organizations, and other agencies. Includes liaison with other provincial agriculture departments, and with Agriculture Canada.

Eligibility

Information resources, including radio, television, and publications, available to the general public.

Address

Communications Branch
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

DISTRICT AGRICULTURIST SERVICE

Nature

District Agriculturists are the first line of contact between the agricultural community and the Department, and as such they act as vehicles through which all departmental programs are distributed to the farming community. District Agriculturists also offer short courses and provide information on all aspects of agriculture. Wherever applicable, this is coupled with a comprehensive credit and assistance program aimed at increasing the viability of the agricultural community.

Eligibility

Services available to all members of the agricultural community.

Address

Extension Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

AGRICULTURAL LAW BRANCH

Nature

Prepares and provides information as to contents of all agricultural statutes and amendments, their practical application and restrictions, and recent court cases that clarify and interpret the legislation. Information may be provided through farm law seminars, or lectures and private consultation.

Eligibility

Available to farmers, farm organizations, agri-business and government personnel.

Address

Agricultural Law Branch
Extension Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICES

Nature

Advises on all types of agricultural engineering problems. Arranges, administers, and conducts special vocational schools, for example, rural welding clinics, and machinery maintenance schools.

Eligibility

Advice available to the general public.

Address

Engineering And Home Design Group
Farm Development Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

AGRICULTURE PROCESSING BRANCH

Nature

To stimulate efficient "value added" processing of Alberta's raw agricultural products and to aid in ensuring product quality necessary to protect and increase a domestic and export market share. Assistance in research, development feasibility and finance through direct staff involvement and information supply in the areas of physical plant construction, modification or expansion and processed product development, formulation and quality control.

Eligibility

Individuals or firms presently processing agricultural food and feed products in Alberta. Investors wishing to locate or develop secondary or tertiary processing facilities in Alberta. Exporters or importers of Alberta's processed agricultural food or feed products.

Address

Agricultural Processing Branch
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8
Phone: 427-7325

Service/Program

REGIONAL PLANT INDUSTRY
SUPERVISORS PROGRAM

Nature

Provide supervision for regional programs, and assist with district programs.

Eligibility

Advisory and supporting services available to District Agriculturists. Public-oriented services available to Alberta producers, related industry, and the general public.

Address

Field Crops Branch
Plant Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

PLANT INDUSTRY LABORATORY

Nature

Provides a diagnostic, advisory, and applied research service for problems with plant diseases, crop and livestock insects, plant identification, weeds and problem wild life. Important problems followed by field and/or laboratory investigation to determine cause and solution. Includes: air pollution effects on plants; vegetable storage problems; insect control; poisonous plants; rodents and other problem wild life; herbicide and other chemical damage diagnosis; potato seed improvement program; monitoring insect and disease outbreaks; revegetation research.

Eligibility

Service provided indirectly to producers in Alberta who submit specimens through branch or district offices, municipalities, etc., with a case history on proper form (available at district offices upon request).

Address

Crop Protection And Pest Control Branch
Plant Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

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Service/Program

MUNICIPAL SEED CLEANING PLANT PROGRAM

Nature

Designed to provide high-quality seeds, and minimize the spread of weed seeds, through cost sharing.

Eligibility

Available to Alberta producers and industry.

Address

Field Crops Branch
Plant Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

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RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

INSPECTION OF NURSERIES

Nature

Ensures the buyer of trees and shrubs healthy stock which is true to name and variety. The program is especially concerned with the detection of disease and insects in "imported" stock which may prove narmful to Alberta growers. Alberta Department of Agriculture and the Plant Protection Division, Agriculture Canada, carry this program as a joint project. The program also provides for a list of nurseries from which the consumer may buy landscaping material.

Eligibility

All nurseries in Alberta are inspected under this program. The list of nurseries in Alberta is available to individuals upon request.

Address

Horticulture Branch
Plant Industry Division
Alberta Agriculture
#601, 9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8
Phone: 427-5349

Service/Program

HORTICULTURE LIAISON OFFICER

Nature

Responsible for disseminating information from different sources to the general public. Areas of concern include ornamentals, fruit, vegetables, lawns, and native plants.

Eligibility

Services available to Alberta residents in need of horticultural information and advice.

Address

Horticulture Branch
Plant Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

ALBERTA HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTRE

Nature

The Brooks station is engaged in a program of service to horticulture in Alberta in its many phases. Some fields of work carried on here include multiplication of trees for farm distribution; testing and selection of new trees, fruits, vegetables and flowers; encouraging the development of industries relating to horticulture pilot operations related to production, storage, processing and marketing of fresh vegetable crops. Testing continues on the use of herbicides, insecticides and disease control products for use on horticultural crops. The Horticultural Centre also serves as a public demonstration of the hundreds of shrubs, trees, bushes and vegetables that can be grown successfully in our climate. Visitors are welcome to examine the grounds and projects at their leisure.

Eligibility

The Alberta Horticultural Research Centre is a service to any interested person or organization.

Address

Alberta Horticultural
Research Centre
Brooks, Alberta
T0J 0J0
Phone: 362-3391

Horticulture Branch
Alberta Agriculture
#601, 9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8
Phone: 427-5372

Service/Program

VEGETABLE SALES ACT

Nature

Designed to maintain grade standards of vegetables in Alberta, by means of inspection. Administered by the branch head, in co-operation with federal agencies. Offices in Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, Taber, and Vauxhall.

Eligibility

Inspection services available to primary producers, and the fresh and processed vegetable industry for the protection of the consumers.

Address

Horticulture Branch
Plant Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

VEGETABLE INSPECTION

Nature

Provides for inspection of fresh vegetables grown in Alberta to ensure the consumer receives a continuing high quality product. The program is carried out jointly by Alberta Agriculture and the Production and Marketing Branch, Agriculture Canada. The vegetables inspected under the program include potatoes, onions, rutabagas, beets, carrots, parsnips, cabbages, sweet corn, asparagus, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, celery, field cucumbers, greenhouse cucumbers, head lettuce, field tomatoes and greenhouse tomatoes; and is concerned with appearance, quality, size, freedom from mechanical injury and the like.

Eligibility

All producers of the above fresh vegetables in Alberta which are sold through the fresh market.

Address

Horticulture Branch
Plant Industry Division
Alberta Department of Agriculture
#601, 9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8
Phone: 427-5372

Service/Program

APICULTURE

Nature

Designed to supervise programs of production, management, and disease control in honey bees.

Eligibility

Services available to Alberta beekeepers and honey processors.

Address

Field Crops Branch
Plant Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

AQUACULTURE

Nature

To stimulate the practice of aquaculture in Alberta through an information program and certain biological services.

Eligibility

Information available to all interested Albertans and biological services to all private and commercial licencees.

Address

Fish And Wildlife Division
Alberta Recreation, Parks and Wildlife
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

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Service/Program

SOIL TESTING SERVICE

Nature

Analysis of soils to determine plant-available nutrient contents, soil acidity, alkalinity, soluble salts, levels of elements such as aluminum and manganese. Recommendations are then made to the submitter.

Eligibility

Service available to farmers, ranchers, greenhouse operators, and gardeners, through all district offices, and most feed and fertilizer dealers. Fees are $2 per surface sample (0-6"), or $1 per sub-surface sample (12-24").

Address

Soils Branch
Plant Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

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RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

SOIL FERTILITY APPLIED RESEARCH

Nature

Designed to provide information to improve soil test recommendations. In co-operation with research institutions (Agriculture Canada, university, and private industry) fertilizer plots using cereal, oilseed, and forage crops are established to determine response to additions of plant nutrients (nitrogen, potassium, phosphates, sulphur) based on various soil test levels.

Eligibility

Information available to the public in summary form when various projects are completed.

Address

Soils Branch
Plant Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

PROJECT PLANNING BRANCH

Nature

Provides technical assistance to irrigation districts for rehabilitation or expansion of their irrigation systems; includes co-ordination and planning, supervision of engineering consultants in project construction and design; and supervision of grants to irrigation districts. Also planning and co-ordination of overall irrigation projects developed throughout the province, both physical and economic.

Eligibility

Services available to Alberta irrigation districts and engineering consultants engaged in construction or alteration of irrigation systems.

Address

Project Planning Branch
Irrigation Division
Agriculture Centre
Jail Road
Lethbridge, Alberta
T1J 4C7

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

VARIETAL DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

Nature

Designed to provide an opportunity for regional residents to observe the performance of different crop varieties. Crops are planted in ten locations throughout the province to demonstrate the suitability of new varieties compared to existing ones. Program is operated in co-operation with University of Alberta staff.

Eligibility

Services available to Alberta producers and allied industry.

Address

Field Crops Branch
Plant Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

VARIETAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Nature

Designed to develop new high-performing feed grains through research.

Eligibility

Services available to Alberta producers and related research agencies.

Address

Field Crops Branch
Plant Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

ALBERTA GRAIN COMMISSION

Nature

The Commission was formed by Ministerial Order in March 1972 to examine all aspects of Alberta's grain and oilseed industry, and to make policy and program recommendations to the Minister of Agriculture aimed at increasing net farm income.

Eligibility

The Commission works with any and every person, group or industry associated with grain production or marketing within the province.

Address

Alberta Grain Commission
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

CANADA GRAINS COUNCIL

Nature

The Canada Grains Council was established in 1969 at the initiative of the Federal Government in conjunction with the grain industry. It is an industry-wide forum in which consensus may be achieved on problems facing the industry and which can make recommendations directly to government or provide views on matters referred to it by government. Currently, 29 industry associations, including producer groups, hold membership in the Council.

Eligibility

Membership

Address

Mr. N. A. O'Connell
Grain Marketing Office
Department of Industry, Trade & Commerce
Ottawa, Ontario
Phone: (613) 995-8374

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

GRAIN PRICES INFORMATION SERVICE

Nature

The purpose of the phone-in service is to keep buyers and sellers of feed grains informed of the latest grain prices.

Eligibility

The service is available 24 hours a day, toll free.

Address

Calgary: 265-1540
Lethbridge: 329-4909
Red Deer: 343-5303
Edmonton: 427-7331
Vermilion: 853-5313
Grande Prairie: 532-9397

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Service/Program

POS PILOT PLANT CORPORATION

Nature

The Pilot Plant offers unique facilities for development work concerning the value-added processing of grains and oilseeds. It is intended that the facility will provide Canadian industry with the means to remain in the forefront of technology for value-added processing of vegetable proteins.

Eligibility

Industry, trade associations, provincial governments.

Address

Mr. D. H. Lees,
Grain Marketing Office,
Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce,
Ottawa, Ontario.
Phone: (613) 996-7871

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RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

DAIRY INSPECTION AND ADVISORY SERVICES

Nature

Responsible for inspection of milk plants and frozen food plants, locker plants and meat processing plants not covered by federal inspection. Provides necessary bonding and licenses for different types of plants. Assists in plant layout, processing methods, sanitation, and trouble-shooting of quality problems, Provincial Food Laboratory analyses samples. Responsible for check testing, check grading, and weighing of producer products. Certifies producers for fluid milk production. Examines candidates for Milk Tanker Graders' Licences, Milk and Cream Graders' Licences, and Cream Testers' Licences.

Eligibility

Services available to milk plants, frozen food plants, and milk producers.

Address

Dairy Branch
Dairy Division
Provincial Building
Wetaskiwin, Alberta
T9A 0S7

Service/Program

DAIRY HERD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Nature

A computerized dairy herd management program providing information on breeding, feeding, and management necessary for efficient management decisions. Includes record of production on an individual-cow basis. Owner sample and supervised programs available.

Eligibility

Services available to Alberta breeders and owners of dairy cattle.

Address

Dairy Branch
Dairy Division
Provincial Building
Wetaskiwin, Alberta
T9A 0S7

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

ALBERTA DAIRY CONTROL BOARD

Nature

Designed to control the purchase and sale of fluid milk in Alberta, with jurisdiction to date in eight control areas. Includes enforcement of market regulations, the fluid milk market, and of price payments to producers set by the Alberta Public Utilities Board. Administers payment of subsidies under the Federal-Provincial Market Sharing Program.

Eligibility

Services available to milk producers and processors of Alberta.

Address

Alberta Dairy Division Office
Dairy Division Office
Provincial Building
Wetaskiwin, Alberta
T9A 0S7

Service/Program

MARGARINE QUALITY CONTROL

Nature

Involves random sampling of margarine from all Alberta manufacturers, to be collected at retail stores, analyzed for composition, and examined for packaging and labelling. Packages must be submitted by manufacturers for Ministerial approval.

Eligibility

All margarine manufacturers.

Address

Dairy Branch
Dairy Division
Provincial Building
Wetaskiwin, Alberta
T9A 0S7

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

CHEESE QUALITY AND EXPANSION PROGRAM

Nature

Designed to upgrade cheese quality in Alberta, expand production of cheese, and make it a viable and stable enterprise.

Eligibility

Services available to existing and proposed cheese plants.

Address

Dairy Branch
Dairy Division
Provincial Building
Wetaskiwin, Alberta
T9A 0S7

Service/Program

PORK INDUSTRY BRANCH

Nature

Responsible for encouraging expansion of the pork industry in Alberta, through advisory and extension services. Engages in co-operative research with the Lacombe Research Station and the University of Alberta. Responsible for extension programs, including radio and television input, and for liaison with various Alberta swine producer associations.

Eligibility

Services available to pork producers, various groups related to the pork industry, and the general public.

Address

Pork Industry Branch
Animal Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

SWINE EXTENSION SERVICES

Nature

Interpret and impart to the pig industry technical and scientific information.

Eligibility

Services available to pig producers and allied industries.

Address

Pork Industry Branch
Animal Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

HORSE INDUSTRY BRANCH

Nature

Responsible for maintaining liaison with the horse industry in matters of general information on management, nutrition, breeding, and educational matters. Assists in formation of Alberta horse councils, and coordinated general activities such as fairs and shows throughout the province. Assists in special projects involving the many different breed associations in the province. Provides information on the horse industry to the general public.

Eligibility

Services available to horse owners and breeders, and the general public.

Address

Horse Industry Branch
Animal Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

RECORD OF PERFORMANCE

Nature

Provides performance test programs for beef and sheep administered within the framework of the Federal-Provincial guidelines. Programs are designed to provide breeders with performance, trait and management information.

Eligibility

Services available to livestock breeders in Alberta.

Address

Beef Cattle And Sheep Branch
Animal Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

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Service/Program

LIVESTOCK REGULATORY SERVICES

Nature

Responsible for registration of brands; brand inspection of all horses and cattle being marketed or shipped out of the province; licensing of livestock dealers and dealers' agents; licensing of stockyards; licensing of butchers; and administration of the Pound Acts to protect cattle and horse producers against theft and unscrupulous trade practices.

Eligibility

Services available to producers and livestock industry in Alberta.

Address

Regulatory Services And Feeder Associations Branch
Animal Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

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RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

MEAT INSPECTION ACT

Nature

Designed to ensure a safe and wholesome meat supply to all Albertans, and to provide inspection services to small rural abattoirs not previously inspected. All Alberta abattoirs to be under inspection by April 1, 1978.

Eligibility

Inspection services available to all abattoirs in Alberta.

Address

Meat Hygiene Section
Veterinary Services Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

FEED RECOMMENDATION SERVICE

Nature

The Branch maintains a nutritionist to make recommendations on use of feeds analyzed in the Soil and Feed Testing Laboratory.

Eligibility

Services available to Alberta livestock producers and related industry.

Address

Beef Cattle And Sheep Branch
Animal Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

FEED TESTING SERVICE

Nature

Provides analysis of hay, silage, grain, and other feeds to determine nutrient content, and excessive levels of substances such as nitrates. Recommendations are made for ration and mineral requirements. Plant analysis aids in diagnosing crop production problems, and making recommendations.

Eligibility

Services available to farmers, ranchers, greenhouse operators, and gardeners, through all district offices and most feed and fertilizer stores. Fee is $2 per sample.

Address

Soils Branch
Plant Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

VETERINARY FIELD SERVICES

Nature

Responsible for preventive veterinary medicine through inspection programs, education, and farm visits. Field staff are responsible for disseminating information to the public, through meetings and printed material; enforcement of acts; disease investigations; and advisory and consulting services. Veterinary inspection is made at all public livestock auction markets, except those regulated by the Federal Health of Animals Branch (terminal yards at Edmonton, Calgary, and Lethbridge); and inspection is made of all livestock entering crownland pastures. Meat inspection before and after slaughter of all animals; ensures humane slaughter through inspection and licensing of meat animals.

Eligibility

Services available to producers and processors of livestock in Alberta.

Address

Field Services Branch
Veterinary Services Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

VETERINARY LABORATORY SERVICES

Nature

Provides a diagnostic service, mainly post-mortem, on livestock, wildlife, fish, laboratory animals and pets. Research and study projects are carried out arising from field problems. Disease problems are investigated in co-operation with other branches and departments, or the Alberta Public Health Laboratory. Operates Chicken and Turkey Health Program in co-operation with the Poultry Branch. Works in areas of: animal diseases, poultry diseases, histopathology, microbiology, parasitology, and toxicology.

Eligibility

Services available without charge to all Alberta veterinarians, and to Alberta private residents, preferably through their veterinarian.

Address

Laboratory Services Branch
Veterinary Services Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

POULTRY BRANCH

Nature

Responsible for developing and administering regulations, policies, and programs to improve the economic well-being of the Alberta poultry industry, and to assure consumer quality protection and public health. Responsible for licensing and bonding of poultry and poultry product dealers. Provides economic studies for continuously updated production cost data and outlook information to all phases of the poultry industry.

Eligibility

Services available to poultry producers, allied industry, and the general public.

Address

Poultry Branch
Animal Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

PROVINCIAL POULTRY PLANT

Nature

Provides information of immediate practical concern, and of long-term implication through applied research, demonstration, and application.

Eligibility

Available to poultry producers and allied industry.

Address

Poultry Branch
Animal Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

FARM STRUCTURES PROGRAM

Nature

Provides assistance in developing and improving environmentally controlled structures for livestock or poultry production, vegetable, grain, and forage storage, and general farmstead planning.

Eligibility

Available to all producers.

Address

Engineering And Home Design Group
Engineering Field Services Branch
Farm Development Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

FARM IMPLEMENT ACT

Nature

Responsible for licensing and bonding dealers; assisting farmers with supply, parts, and warranty problems; conducting schools on farm machinery use; and assisting the industry in developing new and approved machinery.

Eligibility

Any farmer in need of this service, all dealers and distributors of farm implements.

Address

Engineering And Home Design Branch
Farm Development Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY,
MINES AND RESOURCES

Nature

Provides a wealth of technical information from various fields of interest to those involved in the areas of energy, mines and resources. Provides advice and assistance for some operations.

Eligibility

Anyone interested in these areas.

Address

Information EMR
Energy, Mines and Resources, Canada
588 Booth Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0E4

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

CANADA LAND INVENTORY

Nature

Classification and mapping of land according to its capabilities and limitations; to be used in the administration, planning and research of renewable resources.

Eligibility

The public, industry and business.

Address

Distribution Services
Alberta Energy And
Natural Resources
North Tower, Petroleum Plaza
9945 - 108 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2G6
Phone: 427-3520

Interdepartmental
Relations Division
Alberta Environment
11th Floor, Oxbridge Place
9820 - 106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2J6
Phone: 427-6340

Service/Program

IRRIGATION DIVISION

Nature

Responsible for administering the irrigation policies and programs of Alberta. Ensures the economic viability of irrigated farm units, improves irrigation district management, develops relationship between irrigation districts and water users, and ensures orderly development of maximum irrigatable acreage in Alberta.

Eligibility

Services available to irrigation producers.

Address

Irrigation Division
Agriculture Centre,
Jail Road
Lethbridge, Alberta
T1J 4C7

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

IRRIGATION SECRETARIAT

Nature

Responsible for administering the Irrigation Act, as it applies to the operation of irrigation districts, and individual water users, and is responsible to and acts as the manager and secretary to the Irrigation Council. The functions are to establish liaison and communication among Irrigation Council, boards of districts, special committees and boards, and other organizations dealing with matters pertaining to irrigation, to evaluate and prepare recommendations on irrigation policy for Council, to assist and advise irrigation district boards on administrative procedure, and to prepare and publish and circulate information and material pertaining to irrigation.

Eligibility

Irrigation Districts, individual water users, other organizations, committees or persons having an interest in irrigation.

Address

Office Of Irrigation Secretariat
265, 500 - 5 Ave. S.
Lethbridge, Alberta
T1J 4C7

Service/Program

NATURAL GAS CO-OPERATIVES

Nature

The Branch assists in forming associations to serve rural areas with natural gas. The Branch examines all loan applications, all annual returns and authorizes the release of all monies to be guaranteed by the Provincial Treasurer.

Eligibility

Financial assistance is available through the association to the members they are serving to finance their capital contributions.

Address

Rural Power & Gas Co-operative Branch
Dept. of Utilities & Telephones
8th Floor, Capitol Square
10065 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 3B1

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

RESOURCE EVALUATION AND PLANNING

Nature

Resource inventory and appraisal. Ecological land classification. Resource inventory and assessment of capability.

Eligibility

Government, forest products industries.

Address

Resource Evaluation and Planning Division
Inventory and Appraisal Section
Natural Resources Building
109 Street and 99th Avenue
T5K 2E1
Phone: 427-3411

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Service/Program

RESOURCE ECONOMICS BRANCH

Nature

This Branch is concerned with the demand, development, and utilization of water and land for agricultural purposes and the relationship that exists between agricultural and competing uses. It represents the department on the Land Use Forum.

Eligibility

The Branch works with provincial government agencies, farmers and ranchers.

Address

Resource Economics Branch
Commonwealth Building
9912 - 106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta

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RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRIES BOARD

Nature

Conducts feasibility studies; relative efficiency studies to determine regional and international competitiveness related to transportation forms; supplies technical and statistical information and advice on legislation.

Eligibility

Business and industry.

Address

Department Of Industry, Trade and Commerce
5th Floor - 9939 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2W8

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Service/Program

TRANSPORTATION COSTS INFORMATION

Nature

To study and report on costs and procedures of transporting agricultural products to different destinations, and to advise Government on effective transportation innovations.

Eligibility

Although this material is of use primarily to departmental staff, it is also available to agri-business or producers.

Address

Production Economics Branch
Market Intelligence Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

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RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

TRANSPORT CANADA (TC)

Nature

Through its three main services — air, marine and surface — the Department of Transport guides and advises all businesses and industries on the standards, licensing and rules and regulations related to all forms of land, sea and air transportation.

Eligibility

All types of business and industry.

Address

Transport Canada
Tower C
Place de Ville
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0N5

Service/Program

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Nature

Assist Alberta industries in securing and maintaining fair and just freight rates for Alberta products. Maintain up to date knowledge on transportation matters affecting all modes and develop and recommend transportation policies and priorities for the provincial government.

Eligibility

Business and industry.

Address

Transportation Services
Alberta Transportation
Room 330 — Transportation Building
9630 - 106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2B8
Phone: 427-5226

RESEARCH & INFORMATION

Service/Program

CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION

Nature

Comprised of the following committees: railway, air, water, motor vehicle, commodity pipeline, and international transport policy. Regulates common carriers over which the legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada extends.

Eligibility

Industry, shippers and public.

Address

Canadian Transport Commission
Congill Building
275 Slater Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0N9

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Service/Program

SPECIALIZED INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMS — Flour Mills

Nature

Intended as a mechanism to equalize the cost of railway stop-off charges to Western Canadian millers on flour for export with those paid by their Eastern Canadian counterparts, this program is related to the statutory rates in Section 272 of the Railway Act. The proposed abolition of this section would eliminate the need for this subsidy by allowing the eastern export rate to rise.

Eligibility

Flour millers.

Address

Mr. W. J. O'Connor,
Acting General Director,
Grain Marketing Office,
Department of Industry, Trade & Commerce
Ottawa, Ontario.
Phone: (613) 995-7127

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MARKETING

Service/Program

PROMOTIONAL PROJECTS PROGRAM

Nature

Sponsors trade fairs and missions to promote the export of Canadian products and services. Assists in exhibit design and construction, shipping products, interpreter services, air fare and publicity program.

Eligibility

Canadian companies with export capability seeking foreign markets.

Address

Department Of Industry, Trade And Commerce
5th Floor - 9939 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2W8

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Service/Program

TRADE COMMISSIONER SERVICE

Nature

Promotes Canada's export trade and protects its commercial interests abroad. Its purpose is to gain and maintain foreign markets for Canada.

Eligibility

Businesses interested in developing foreign markets.

Address

Department Of Industry, Trade And Commerce
5th Floor - 9939 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2W8

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MARKETING

Service/Program

CANADIAN COMMERCIAL CORPORATION

Nature

The Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC) is a Crown Corporation set up by Act of Parliament in 1946 to facilitate the development of trade between Canada and other nations. It is specifically charged with assisting persons in Canada to export or import goods and commodities. In all cases CCC becomes the prime contractor with the foreign customer and in turn subcontracts with the Canadian firms. The CCC works with Canadian industry in a cooperative business partnership. The Corporation actively and promptly helps companies to develop bid positions and recognizes the practicalities of dealing in the international competitive marketplace.

Eligibility

Business and industry.

Address

General Manager
Canadian Commercial Corporation
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0S6

Service/Program

CARNET SYSTEMS

Nature

The A.T.A. (Admission Temporaire — Temporary Admission) Carnet is an internationally recognized customs document which is used by business and industry to facilitate the importation of goods, such as commercial samples, into the territories of other contracting parties. It is designed to assist the businessman as it permits him to:

1. Make customs arrangements in advance for the countries he plans to visit;
2. Make those arrangements in his country quickly and at a predetermined cost;
3. Use a single carnet for goods which will pass through the customs of several countries; and
4. Use a single carnet for several business trips during the course of the one year validity period.

Eligibility

Business and industry.

Address

Carnet Canada
Canadian Chamber Of Commerce
1080 - Beaver Hall Hill
Montreal, Quebec

MARKETING

Service/Program

MARKETING SERVICES BRANCH

Nature

To identify and evaluate market opportunities for Alberta business in other parts of Canada and outside of Canada. To provide marketing assistance to Alberta business in the form of strategy and planning, information with respect to export financing.

To offer assistance to Alberta business in the form of export training programs.

To administer the Market Development Assistance Program which offers financial assistance to Alberta companies seeking to evaluate foreign market opportunities, market reconnaissance and identification, participation in appropriate trade fairs, shows and exhibitions.

Eligibility

Alberta companies engaged in the manufacture or fabrication of products or providing economic and technical consulting services.

Address

Marketing Services Branch
Department Of Business Development And Tourism
15th Floor - Capitol Square
10065 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5H 0H4
Phone: 427-2269

Service/Program

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF TOURISM

Nature

Promotes travel within Canada by both residents and non-residents and co-ordinates foreign promotional activities with other government agencies and private interests.

Eligibility

The public, business and industry.

Address

Canadian Government
Office Of Tourism
Department Of Industry
Trade And Commerce
150 Kent Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0H6
Phone: (613) 995-0001

Canadian Government
Office Of Tourism
500 MacDonald Place
9939 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2W8
Phone: 425-6330

MARKETING

Service/Program

DEFENSE PROGRAMS BRANCH

Nature

Promotes defense export trade through marketing programs aimed at the sale of Canadian defense and defense-related, high-technology equipment and establishment of arrangements for defense industrial research, development and production.

Eligibility

Defense-orientated exporters.

Address

Department Of Industry, Trade And Commerce
5th Floor - 9939 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2W8

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Service/Program

INTERNATIONAL MARKETING

Nature

Development, co-ordination and implementation of service and support policies and programs that will optimize Alberta exports of agricultural commodities, processed products and technical services. Services of the sector include definition and evaluation of export opportunities, establishment of avenues of communication between buyers, sellers and provision of promotional, financial and sales contract assistance to Alberta suppliers.

Eligibility

Services are available to all suppliers of agricultural commodities, processed products and technical services to export markets.

Address

International Marketing Sector
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

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MARKETING

Service/Program

FOOD MARKETING BRANCH

Nature

To develop and expand domestic marketing opportunities for Alberta's food products, through marketing assistance, information, research and promotion.
Marketing Assistance — Assist the retailer, wholesaler, processor, marketing boards and commissions and other producer groups in: writing promotional materials; assessing product quality from the consumer point of view; recommending changes in food product labelling packaging and/or quality; developing marketing plans.
Marketing Information — Develop information at the consuming public to create an awareness of Alberta's food products and their uses. Develop tools and resources for communicating agriculture's message to the consumer.
Also involved in consumer market research and major promotions of food products.

Eligibility

The Branch works with Alberta's agricultural boards and commissions, food companies, consumer and government groups and others concerned with food products.

Address

Food Marketing Branch
Market Development Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND
FOOD PRODUCTS BRANCH

Nature

Conducts feasibility studies to determine viability of opportunities; performs efficiency studies to determine regional and international competitive potential; provides technical and statistical information. Advice on federal legislation is also available.

Eligibility

The public, business and industry.

Address

Department Of Industry, Trade And Commerce
5th Floor - 9939 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2W8

MARKETING

Service/Program

FIELD SERVICES BRANCH

Nature

The Branch has three main functions:

1. To represent the marketing sector in the regions and to be thoroughly familiar with the programs and projects of marketing;
2. To act as resource support to the district agriculturists in the areas of farm management and marketing;
3. To serve as part of the regional team in planning and implementing regional programs.

Eligibility

Consultation is available to farmers who have been referred to the regional economist by district agriculturists and others.

Address

Market Intelligence Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

COMMODITY DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

Nature

This branch acts as a link between producers and markets. Commodity officers keep in close contact with agencies seeking markets for agricultural products, both in Canada and abroad. The branch also keeps marketing boards, commissions and producer organizations informed of such opportunities and provides other market development assistance.

Eligibility

The branch works with producer organizations, agribusiness, and the trade.

Address

Commodity Development Branch
Marketing Division, Alberta Agriculture
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

MARKETING

Service/Program

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL GRAINS INSTITUTE

Nature

Contributes to the maintenance and enlargement of markets here and abroad for Canadian grains, oilseeds and their products by holding instructional programs for those associated with the grain industry in Canada and abroad.

Eligibility

Those associated with the grain or oilseed industries.

Address

Mr. C. E. Butterworth,
Grain Marketing Office,
Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce,
Ottawa, Ontario.
Phone: (613) 995-8374

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Service/Program

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS COOPERATIVE MARKETING ACT

Nature

The agreement under this act, in the interest of orderly marketing, provides financial guarantees of initial payments to producers for their produce, and allows guarantees of costs of handling, setting and processing to cooperative marketing groups so that the group can obtain operating capital.

Eligibility

Available to producer organizations operating under a cooperative plan that provides for "equal returns to primary producers for agricultural products of the like grade and quality", cost sharing, and initial payments. All agricultural products are eligible with the exception of grain grown in the Canadian Wheat Board area.

Address

Marketing Services
Production and Marketing Branch
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Building
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0C5
Phone: (613) 994-9765

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MARKETING

Service/Program

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS MARKETING COUNCIL

Nature

The Council is a corporate body charged with the day-to-day administration of the Marketing Of Agricultural Products Act. The Council is responsible for interpreting the Act and the regulations made pursuant to the Act.

Eligibility

The Council will work closely with any group not organized under the terms of the Act and wishing to take advantage of the Act, or with any organized group that wishes to make revisions to its institutional structure. The Council will extend its support and provide any assistance possible to Alberta Marketing Boards and Commissions that wish to aggressively pursue marketing opportunities for producers.

Address

Agricultural Products Marketing Council
12th Floor - Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8
Phone: 427-2164

Service/Program

GRAINS AND OILSEEDS MARKETING INCENTIVES PROGRAM (GOMI)

Nature

To achieve a sustained expansion of the total effective market for Canadian grains and oilseeds through contributions and risk insurance.

Eligibility

The agricultural sector.

Address

Department Of Industry, Trade And Commerce
5th Floor - 9939 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2W8

MARKETING

Service/Program

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER

Nature

A one-page weekly summary of agricultural market activity, designed to keep departmental staff posted concerning major market developments.

Eligibility

Regional economists, farm management specialists.

Address

Market Analysis Branch
Market Intelligence Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

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Service/Program

MARKET ANALYSIS AND OUTLOOK PUBLICATIONS:
"THE ECONOMIST"
"MARKET ANALYSIS"

Nature

To provide market outlook information to help farmers make profitable production and marketing decisions. The Economist is published quarterly, with analysis and explanations of current economic issues affecting agriculture. Market Analysis outlooks are released about twelve times annually, analyzing markets and predicting future trends. Separate outlooks are completed for hogs, cattle, grain, oilseeds and special crops.

Eligibility

Available to anyone at no charge.

Address

Market Analysis Branch
Market Intelligence Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

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MARKETING/MANAGEMENT

Service/Program

REUTERS COMMODITY WIRE SERVICE

Nature

The program's intent is to keep professional people within Alberta's agricultural community aware of those market events which influence them. In addition to current information, hard data is gathered and stored for use by prospective marketers of Alberta's agricultural commodities.

Eligibility

Commodity organizations — especially those who are in contact with producers in their daily marketing activities. Producers should be the major beneficiaries of the service.

Address

Market Analysis Branch
Market Intelligence Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

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Service/Program

CANADA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CDC)

Nature

Objective is to help develop and maintain strong Canadian controlled and Canadian managed corporations. Invests in the equity of existing corporations in high-growth areas with some degree of risk and with the potential for international market development.

Eligibility

Industries considered to be of greatest potential and importance to Canada's future economic development.

Address

Canada Development
Corporation
1860 Granville Square
200 Granville Street
Vancouver, British Columbia
V6C 1S4

Canada Development
Corporation
Suite 2010
145 King Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M5H 1J8

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MANAGEMENT

Service/Program

CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Nature

The department regulates many marketplace activities. It establishes regulations and standards for packaging, labelling, sale, importation, advertising, and product safety. It approves all devices used in trade for weighing and measuring. It serves as a consumer advocate and information service. It grants temporary legal monopolies and maintains a complete record on patents, trademarks, etc. Charters of incorporation are granted and files of company financial statements are maintained. It is also involved in investigation of questionable business practices and supervises bankruptcy proceedings.

Eligibility

Available to any interested parties.

Address

Information and Public Relations Branch,
Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada,
Place du Portage,
Ottawa, Ontario.
K1A 0C9

Service/Program

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

Nature

Provides continuing assessment of current and prospective economic changes abroad affecting Canadian trade; makes estimates of changes in the structure of industries and markets; analyses of capital investment in Canada and abroad; conducts economic research into industrial productivity and does industry sector studies.

Eligibility

Business and industry.

Address

Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce
5th Floor - 9939 - Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2W8

MANAGEMENT

Service/Program

INTERIM COMPARISON PROGRAM

Nature

This is to help individual companies to ascertain, on a strictly confidential basis, how their productivity and profitability compare with their competitors, why they differ and how they can be improved.

Eligibility

Any industrial sector desiring to systematically examine its productivity performance.

Address

Mr. I. Bernolak, Director,
Productivity Analysis Branch (36),
Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce
Ottawa, Ontario.
K1N 0H5
Phone: (613) 992-1722

Service/Program

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Nature

To enhance economic development throughout all the regions of Alberta by maximizing community preparedness and business opportunities compatible with the resources within each region. Promotes small business development by providing an individual counselling service to those interested in establishing, expanding or otherwise improving a business. Assists with community economic development efforts. Maintains a list of potential business opportunities in rural communities as well as maintaining statistics on these communities.

Eligibility

Business and industry.

Address

Alberta Business Development and Tourism
Regional Development Branch
14th Floor, Capitol Square
10065 - Jasper Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 0H4
Phone: 427-3685

Rm. 906, 620 - 7 Ave. S.W.
Calgary, Alberta
T2P 0Y8
Phone: 261-6284

Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Lacombe, Camrose, St. Paul, Edson, Grande Prairie and Peace River Offices.

MANAGEMENT

Service/Program

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT ADVICE

Nature

Members of the Business Analysis Unit will serve as consultants to both new and established agri-business firms. They will advise on matters including marketing, management, financial planning, labour, and cash flows.

Eligibility

These services are offered to all agri-business firms in Alberta.

Address

Market Analysis Branch
Market Intelligence Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

FUR FARMS

Nature

Assists Alberta fur producers in the successful management of their operations by advising on animal management, assistance in disease control, and field inspection.

Eligibility

Alberta fur farmers.

Address

Fur Farms
Veterinary Services Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

MANAGEMENT

Service/Program

INDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

Nature

To provide incentives to new or expanded business enterprises resulting in economic benefit to the Indian people. Incentives may be guarantees, loans, contributions or grants, and advice on management matters.

Eligibility

Indians, either individually or in groups or anyone who can make a contribution to the economic development of the Indian people.

Address

Manager of Business Services
Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
Centennial Tower
400 Laurier Avenue W.
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0H4
or the nearest regional office.

Service/Program

FORAGE CROP MANAGEMENT AND FEED STABILIZATION PROGRAM

Nature

Designed to encourage successful management of forage crops.

Eligibility

Services available to Alberta producers and industry.

Address

Field Crops Branch
Plant Industry Branch
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

MANAGEMENT

Service/Program

RANGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Nature

Responsible for study in the area of range management, and assistance to producers in the form of loans under the Agricultural Development Corporation's $50,000 Guaranteed Loan.

Eligibility

Services available to Alberta producers, and secondarily, to related industry.

Address

Field Crops Branch
Plant Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

FOREST LAND USE BRANCH

Nature

Evaluates all proposed uses of public forest to potential impacts, including suitability for the proposed use, hazard of soil erosion and other watershed damage, pollution hazard, fire hazard and compatibility with other uses. Advises prospective and actual users of forest land on the prevention of problems and how to comply with Alberta Forest Service requirements.

Eligibility

Available to ranchers, farmers, forest industry, oil, gas and mining industries, commercial recreation developers.

Address

Forest Land Use Branch
Forest Service
Alberta Energy And Natural Resources
Room 222 - Natural Resources Building
109 Street And 99 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2E1
Phone: 427-3585

MANAGEMENT

Service/Program

TIMBER MANAGEMENT BRANCH

Nature

Implements policies of efficient utilization, sustained yield and multiple use on Crown land; collects forest statistics; conducts economic analysis and forest inventories; implements timber management plans, supervises woods operations and silviculture activities. Establishes the tenure and transfer of Crown Timber cutting rights.

Eligibility

The public, forest products industry, forest-oriented business and consultants.

Address

Timber Management Branch
Alberta Energy and Natural Resources
Room 200 - Resources Building
109 Street and 99 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2E1

Service/Program

URBAN AND INDUSTRIAL VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Nature

Information and advisory service to urban municipalities and industrial agencies on matters relating to control of weeds and other undesirable vegetation and fostering the growth of beneficial vegetation. Training courses and manuals provided for personnel of above agencies responsible for this facet of grounds maintenance. Service to individual firms with special problems can be provided on a limited basis.

Eligibility

Service available to all urban municipalities and industrial agencies.

Address

Urban And Industrial Vegetation Management Section
Weed Control And Field Services Branch
Alberta Agriculture
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8
Phone: 427-5324

MANPOWER & LABOUR

Service/Program

LABOUR CANADA (LAB)

Nature

The department provides conciliation services in industrial disputes, advisory and consultative services on employment safety systems and information and advice on accident prevention; analyzes and interprets Canadian labour legislation for the employer; promotes and services union-management relations (available through National Film Board offices) and makes an extensive lending library (mainly on labour relations) available to business and industry. The department also publishes "The Collective Bargaining Review" which gives information on wages, fringe benefits and other provisions of collective agreements.

Eligibility

All businesses and industry.

Address

Public Relations
Labour Canada
10th Floor
Place du Portage, Phase II
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0J2

Service/Program

CANADA MANPOWER

Nature

Assists in finding employees; training or retraining workers; developing manpower adjustment programs to cope with industrial and technological change. Provides labour market information — demand and supply of specific skills, industrial and occupational trends, regional and national economic reports.

Eligibility

Employees and employers.

Address

Canada Manpower Centre
10015 - 103 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
Phone: 425-7720

Local office in other major centres.

MANPOWER & LABOUR

Service/Program

WOMEN'S BUREAU

Nature

Carries out a broad public relation program designed to enlighten the public in general and working women in particular about existing labour legislation and provides factual data reflecting the situation of working women. Works closely with governmental agencies, organizations of workers and employers and voluntary and professional associations.

Eligibility

The public, business and industry.

Address

Women's Bureau
Department of Labour
Sir Wilfred Laurier Building
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0J2
Phone: (613) 997-1550

Women's Bureau
418 - Legislative Building
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2B6
Phone: 427-2970

Service/Program

ALBERTA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

Nature

Publishes general labour market information for Alberta on a monthly basis. Collects, compiles and publishes annually, data relating to Alberta wages and salaries for selected occupations and occasionally for working conditions and fringe benefits existing in the province.

Eligibility

The public, business, industry and government.

Address

Treasury Department
Alberta Bureau of Statistics
21st Floor, Park Square
10001 - Bellamy Hill
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 3B6
Phone: 427-3508

EDUCATION

Service/Program

BANFF SCHOOL OF ADVANCED MANAGEMENT

Nature

Advanced Management Program: A six-week residential senior executive development program for experienced managers in the public and private sector. The course comprises thirteen subjects in three major areas: Management of Human Resources: human behavior, organization design, manpower planning and utilization and union management relations; Managerial Technology: decision-making and information systems, financial control, and managerial finance; and Environmental Factors: economic environment, international business, market planning, business taxation, business law, and business policy and strategy.

Eligibility

Participants should have at least ten years experience and should be in or likely to advance to upper management, multi-discipline positions.

Address

Banff School Of Advanced Management
P.O. Box 1020
Banff, Alberta
T0L 0C0
Phone: 762-4014

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Service/Program

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA — FACULTY OF EXTENSION

Nature

Offers programs of training in local government, business management, personnel administration, real estate, accounting, and applied behavioral science. The formats include evening classes, short courses, one or two day seminars, or week long conferences.

Eligibility

Usually no educational prerequisites are needed for a course.

Address

Faculty Of Extension
University Of Alberta
Corbett Hall
82 Avenue And 112 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6C 2G4
Phone: 432-3116

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EDUCATION

Service/Program

SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY

Nature

1. Two year diploma programs in business administration with specialization in accounting, finance, management, marketing and in computer systems are available. These programs provide basic business background with specialization in the specific areas.
2. A Small Business Management Training Program is available in the evenings. This program also provides general and specific training oriented to small business. Individual courses in the program can also be taken.
3. A number of general business courses (e.g., public relations, advertising, management, purchasing, salesmanship etc.) are also available in the evening.
4. A management certificate program is offered in the evening in co-operation with the Canadian Institute Of Management.

Eligibility

1. Accounting, finance and computer systems programs are available only on a full-time basis.
2. Management and marketing diploma programs are also available only evenings.
3. Small Business Management Training Program, general business courses and the Canadian Institute Of Management certificate program are available only in the evenings.

Address

Northern Alberta
Institute of Technology
11762 - 106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5G 2R1
Phone: 477-4355

Southern Alberta
Institute Of Technology
1301 - 16 Ave. N.W.
Calgary, Alberta
T2M 0L4
Phone: 284-8421

Service/Program

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT; CANADA-ALBERTA INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PROGRAM

Nature

The Canada-Alberta Industrial Training Program provides consultative and financial assistance for training programs which are offered in classroom-type facility and/or on the job setting and which offer training of general value to a total industry. The program is specifically designed to provide, in co-operation with Alberta employers, a greater variety of job training opportunities for more Canadians to learn skills of a continuing and transferable nature.

Eligibility

All employers, except for Government bodies financed primarily by tax revenue including non-profit private agencies.

Address

Alberta Business Development and Tourism
Regional Development Branch
14th Floor, Capitol Square
10065 - Jasper Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 0H4
Phone: 427-3685

Rm. 906, 620 - 7 Ave. S.W.
Calgary, Alberta
T2P 0Y8
Phone: 261-6284

Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Lacombe, Camrose, St. Paul, Edson, Grande Prairie and Peace River Offices.

EDUCATION

Service/Program

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION TECHNICIAN TRAINING COURSES

Nature

Livestock Branch co-operates with the Agricultural Colleges in preparing and conducting training and updating courses for A-I technicians.

Eligibility

Available to people interested in learning or updating their A-I technician skills. Preference is given to Alberta residents.

Address

Beef Cattle and Sheep Branch
Animal Industry Division
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

APPRENTICESHIP

Nature

Provides for the indenturing of apprentices and training of apprentices in 36 designated trades. Provides for the upgrading of journeymen candidates.

Eligibility

Any interested person, business and industry.

Address

Apprenticeship and Tradesman's Qualifications Branch
Alberta Advanced Education And Manpower
6th Floor - I.B.M. Building
10808 - 99 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 0G2

EDUCATION

Service/Program

APPRENTICESHIP AND TRADE CERTIFICATION BRANCH

Nature

Provides for the indenturing, and training of apprentices in 39 designated trades. Provides examinations and qualifications for journeyman candidates.

Eligibility

Any interested person employed in the designated trades, business and industry, and persons requiring certification.

Address

Alberta Advanced Education And Manpower
Apprenticeship And Trade Certification Branch
4th Floor, Devonian Building
East Tower, 11160 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 0L1
Phone: 427-8765

Service/Program

APPRENTICESHIP AND TRADESMAN'S QUALIFICATIONS BRANCH

Nature

Provides for the indenturing of apprentices and training of apprentices in 36 designated trades. Provides examination and qualification of journeymen candidates.

Eligibility

Any interested person, business and industry, and persons requiring certification.

Address

Alberta Advanced Education and Manpower
Apprenticeship and Tradesman's Qualifications Branch
4th Floor, Devonian Building
East Tower, 11160 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 0L1

Lethbridge, Calgary, Red Deer, Grande Prairie, And Fort McMurray Offices.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Service/Program

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION (UIC)

Nature

1. Administers Unemployment Insurance Act which provides for regular, maternity, illness and age 65 benefits to entitled claimants. Benefit rate is 66-2/3% of average weekly insured earnings to a maximum of $147.00/week in 1977.
2. Administers premium reduction program which allows employers who have a qualified wage loss replacement plan or sick leave plan to be entitled to a reduction in the employers premium of 1.4 X employees contribution. Maximum reduction in 1977 is 1.11 X employees premium.
3. Provides assistance to employers who need help to complete Record Of Employment which the employer must complete within 5 days when an employee has an interruption of earnings.

Many useful publications are also available on various aspects of unemployment insurance from the National Revenue Department, Taxation.

Eligibility

1. Benefits available to all qualified claimants from Unemployment Insurance Commission offices in Alberta.
2. Premium reduction available to qualified employers. Information brochure and application forms available on request.

Address

Unemployment Insurance Commission
Health And Welfare
805 - 9th Street S.W.
Calgary, Alberta
Phone: 231-5202

Health And Welfare Canada
10704 - 102 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
Phone: 425-6992

Calgary, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, and Fort McMurray Offices.

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Service/Program

HEALTH AND WELFARE CANADA (HWC)

Nature

The Department's Health Protection Branch is responsible for the enforcement of the Food and Drug Act, the Narcotic Control Act, and Proprietary or Patent Medicine Act (which will become Division 10 of the Food and Drugs Regulations effective April 1, 1977).
Explanations of the requirements of this legislation are given to businesses concerned. At present, the Department's Medical Services Branch will provide consultant services to large employers for the organization and operation of health services. The Radiation Protection Bureau provides advice and laboratory services to ensure the health and safety of workers using X-ray nuclear energy.

Eligibility

All employers.

Address

Information Directorate
Health And Welfare Canada
Brooke Claxton Building
Tunney's Pasture
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0K9

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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Service/Program

ALBERTA HEALTH CARE INSURANCE PLAN

Nature

Makes available to all residents of Alberta and their dependents, regardless of age or state of health, basic health services and insured hospital services. Optimal health services and insured hospital services. Optional health services are available through Alberta Blue employees are required to form groups for the purpose of collecting premiums.

Eligibility

Mandatory for all residents of Alberta.

Address

Alberta Health Care
Insurance Plan
Groat Road And
118 Avenue
Box 1360
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2N3

Alberta Health Care
Insurance Plan
J.J. Bowlen Building
620 - 7th Avenue S.W.
Calgary, Alberta
T2P 0Y8

Service/Program

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

Nature

Conducts inspection of working conditions and equipment of firms covered by the Occupational Health And Safety Act and Training Programs for workers and employers. The identification and measurement of ill effects of noxious industrial influences on the health and well-being of the worker and the improvement of such influences where possible.

Eligibility

Employers and employees.

Address

Occupational Health And Safety Division
Alberta Labour
9820 - 106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2J6
Phone: 427-6971

Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Red Deer, Grande Prairie, and Fort McMurray District Offices.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Service/Program

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Nature

Provides medical services and compensation for workers injured or disabled in the course of, or resulting from, their employment in business or industry covered by the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides medical and vocational rehabilitation for injured or disabled workers.

Eligibility

Employers and workers in all industries to which the Act applies are covered by compensation. Such employers are required to open an account with the Workers' Compensation Board.

Address

Workers' Compensation Board
P.O. Box 2145
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 2S5
Phone: 423-6110

Workers' Compensation Board
132 - 16 Avenue N.E.
Calgary, Alberta
T2E 1J5
Phone: 276-3381

Grande Prairie, Red Deer, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge Offices

Service/Program

PENSION BENEFITS ACT

Nature

Pension plans are supervised and reviewed regarding benefit provisions, funding and solvency, and investment of pension funds to ensure that benefits promised in pension plans will be available to employees when they retire.

Eligibility

Employers, employees, insurance and trust companies, trustees, pension consultants and others involved in the pension benefit field.

Address

Pension Benefits Branch
Alberta Labour
10th Floor - Manulife Building
10055 - 106th Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2Y2
Phone: 427-8322

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Service/Program

ALBERTA DISASTER SERVICES

Nature

A provincial program of preparedness for, and response to emergencies and disasters, involving Government departments, boards, commissions, and Crown agencies, municipalities, and the general public.

Eligibility

General public and governing agencies.

Address

Alberta Disaster Services
Agriculture Building
9718 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5K 2C8

Service/Program

Nature

Eligibility

Address

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